



Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission
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APPLICATION
FOR THE
INDIANA SUPREME COURT

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)
Deadline – Wednesday, June 30, 2010

I. Provide your:

A. Full legal name and any former names.

Professional name –Jane Spencer Craney

Married name –Jane Craney Weaver

Maiden name –Jane Ann Spencer

B. Current home and office addresses, including email addresses and telephone numbers.

Home address -

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C. Date and place of birth. April 17, 1954 Chicago, Illinois

D. Complete a State Police release form printed on green paper. Include the release only with the original application and not with the copies.

II. Attach a recent photograph of you to the front of the original application and to each copy of your application.

III. A. State in what county you currently reside and since what date.

Morgan County –March 1980 to present

B. List all previous counties of residence, with dates.

Cook County, Illinois—April to October 1954

Wabash County –October 1954 to August 1972

May to August 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976 & 1977

Jefferson County –August 1972 to May 1973

August 1973 to May 1974

August 1974 to May 1975

August 1974 to May 1975

Porter County –August 1976 to May 1977

Marion County –August 1977 to March 1980

C. When were you admitted to the Indiana Bar? October 4, 1979

D. Are you currently on active status? Yes

E. What is your attorney number? 3717-49

IV. A. List below all colleges and universities you attended other than law schools. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree or Certificate</u>
Hanover College	1972-1976	Bachelor of Arts
See Appendix 1.		Rank: 51 of 155

B. List below all law schools and post-J.D. programs attended. Attach a certified transcript from each to the original application and attach copies of each transcript to each application copy. (If your social security number is on your transcripts, redact it before copying.)

<u>School</u>	<u>Dates Enrolled</u>	<u>Degree and Class Rank</u>
Valparaiso School of Law	1976-1977	Transferred to IU, Rank: 39 of 110 See Appendix 1.
Indiana University School Of Law—Indianapolis	1978-1979	Doctor of Jurisprudence Rank Unknown See Appendix 1.
National College of District Attorneys	Various courses during 1984 through 1990	
Indiana Judicial College	1991 to 2000	Certificate
Indiana Graduate School For Judges	2001 to 2002	Certificate
National Judicial College	1991 to present	Various courses, some credits towards LLM

C. Describe any academic honors, awards, and scholarships you received and when.

Valparaiso School of Law

Valparaiso Law Review—Spring 1977--Invited to write for Law Review due to ranking second in the Legal Problems/Writing class; transferred to Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis

Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis

Indiana Law Review—Fall 1977 to 1978—Submitted paper to Law Review Board and was invited to write; completed forty (40) hour work requirement but did not write note

International Moot Court Team--1978 and 1979

Oralist and brief writer

Moot Court Society

Order of Barristers

International Moot Court—Winter to Spring 1980

Director of regional competition located at Indiana University
Law School—Indianapolis after graduation

National Judicial College

Scholarships were awarded through the Indiana Judicial Center
from the Indiana Supreme Court for attendance at the General
Jurisdiction course and the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the
Domestic Violence course.

- V. A. Provide your employment history since graduation from college, including
titles or positions, locations, and dates.

Secretary	Spencer Insurance Company North Manchester, Indiana	Summer 1976
Assembly worker	Peabody Seating Company North Manchester, Indiana	Summer 1977
Law Clerk	Indiana Judicial Center Indianapolis, Indiana	May 1978 to May 1979
Law Clerk	Honorable Stanley Miller Indiana Court of Appeals Indianapolis, Indiana	May 1979 to January 1980
Deputy Prosecutor	Morgan County Prosecutor's Office Martinsville, Indiana	January to December 1980
Chief Deputy Prosecutor	Morgan County Prosecutor's Office Martinsville, Indiana	January 1980 to December 1992
Prosecuting Attorney	Morgan County Prosecutor's Office Martinsville, Indiana	January 1993 to December 1990
Judge	Morgan County Court Martinsville, Indiana	January 1991 to June 1995
Judge	Morgan Superior Court 3	July 1995 to present

B. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your practice of law, present and former, and provide the names of your partners, associates, office mates, and employers.

During my third year in law school, I attended the night school division and worked full time at the Indiana Judicial Center as a law clerk. My primary responsibility was reading all Appellate and Supreme Court opinions and drafting the criminal section of Case Clips, the weekly IJC publication for Indiana judges. I also researched and wrote briefs on various legal topics for trial judges when they called the Judicial Center for assistance and helped on bench book publications. Professor William Kerr of Indiana University School of Law—Indianapolis was the Director of the Judicial Center and my immediate supervisor was William DuMond. I shared office space with Michael McCrory who was responsible for the civil portion of Case Clips. Jim Clevenger, Mike Cook, Brent Gill, David Rojahn, Sally Sager, Patrick McSoley, Susan Buschmann, Dave Curry and Kurt Young were also law clerks at various times during my year at IJC.

After graduation from law school, I clerked for the Honorable Stanley Miller, Fourth District, Indiana Court of Appeals, drafting appellate opinions on many different subjects. Jackie Thompson and Sorelle Ancel were law clerks at the same time. We were also required to read all published and unpublished Appellate and Supreme Court opinions.

In January of 1980 I was hired as a Deputy Prosecutor in Morgan County, Indiana handling every type of case from infractions to felonies in all Morgan County courts. I was promoted to Chief Deputy Prosecutor on 1/1/81. Judge G. Thomas Gray now of Morgan Superior Court 1 was the Prosecutor who hired me. Steve Oliver was the Chief Deputy Prosecutor I replaced when he went into private practice. The judges I practiced in front of included James E. Harris, John Sedwick, Steve Donovan, G. Thomas Gray, Fred Engle, Ron Tedrow and Mark Peden.

I ran in the 1982 Republican primary election successfully seeking the party nomination against three other candidates for Prosecuting Attorney. After a contested fall election, I was elected and took office 1/1/83. Susan Glick of LaGrange County and I were the first women ever elected Prosecuting Attorneys in Indiana and had known each other while at the Indiana Court of Appeals. During my 2 terms as Prosecutor my Chief Deputy Prosecutors were Michael Ksenak, Judge Christopher L. Burnham, Betsy Green, Darla Brown and Steve Sonnega. Other Deputy Prosecutors included Robert Hagee, Jim Troiani and Scott Barrett.

In 1990 I successfully ran in a contested Republican primary for Judge of Morgan County Court. After election to the trial bench, I handled all misdemeanors, D felony cases and the small claims docket. The Court was elevated to a Superior Court effective 7/1/95. During my twenty years on the bench, I have handled over 36,148 small claims cases, 738 dissolution cases, 1,118 civil collection, plenary and mortgage foreclosure cases, 73 civil tort cases, 4,540 misdemeanor cases and over 2,754 felony cases. Included in the number of felony cases were 4 cases involving murder or attempted murder with the highest profile case being **State v. Judy Kirby**. Judy Kirby was convicted of seven counts of

murder after driving north in the south bound lanes of State Road 67 killing 6 children and 1 adult and seriously wounding another child. My secretarial staff currently includes Vicki Stidd, Diana Renick, Andrea Farrell, Lisa Smith, Cammie Evart and Michelle Armstrong.

C. Describe the extent of your jury experience, if any.

During my 11 year career as a Prosecutor, I prosecuted 2 capital murder cases, 11 other murder cases, and many other serious felony cases including reckless and involuntary homicide, child molesting, rape, incest, operating while intoxicated and crimes against property. I did not keep statistics but I would estimate I prosecuted at least 50 major felony trials and too many misdemeanor and bench trials to count. The local newspaper nicknamed me the "Iron Lady." My jury experience as a judge is described in the next Section.

D. If applicable, describe the nature and extent of your judicial experience, including a description of your experience presiding over jury trials, if any.

During my 20 plus years on the trial bench, I have handled over 45,913 cases including 4 murder cases, 2,749 criminal felonies, 4,540 criminal misdemeanors, 738 dissolutions, 36,148 small claim cases, 73 civil tort cases, 1,063 plenary and civil collection cases, and 55 mortgage foreclosures. The Kirby case was the highest profile and most challenging and I discuss this case in more detail in Section VI.

I have presided over more than 8,140 civil and criminal bench trials, 3 murder trials, 57 other felony jury trials, 79 misdemeanor jury trials, and three (3) civil jury trials. Twenty-six (26) juries in one year is my record to date. Conducting jury trials is one of my favorite assignments as a Judge. I enjoy the interaction with the possible jurors during selection and I never tire of watching attorneys in trial, especially true litigators. As a Special Judge, I have also handled approximately 24 CHINS cases (Children In Need of Services) and paternity cases.

I have loved being a trial judge and trial attorney because every case and every day is different and challenging. I enjoy attempting to help people through the law, though many times they do not understand it was an attempt to help until much later. Many times that help is in addressing substance abuse, which is involved in at least 90% of the criminal cases and also in a high percentage of the dissolution cases. Alcohol is still the most abused drug in Morgan County and Indiana judges are well trained in substance abuse issues. While giving the parties their "day in Court," I treat every case, litigant and attorney with respect, even murderers.

VI. A. If applicable, list by caption, case number, and filing date up to five of your trial or appellate briefs and/or written judicial opinions.

State v. Martin D. Murray S 81 S 56

10/22/81 State's Response To Defendant's Motion To Correct Errors

State v. Larry Bellmore

C 85 S 50

7/24/86 State's Response To Defendant's Motion To Correct Errors

State v. Judy D. Kirby

55D03-0004-CF 105

3/5/01 Court Order Re: Admissibility of 404(B) Evidence

4/22/01 Order Re: Admissibility of 404(B) Evidence

In Re: The Marriage of Higginbotham

55D03-0505-DR 89

3/28/06 Order Granting Mother's Second Verified Petition For Immediate Suspension of Parenting Time Pending Request For Permanent Modification Of Parenting Time, And Child Support

B. If applicable, list up to five legislative drafts or court rules you have written or to which you contributed significantly. Refer to them by official citation, by date, and by subject matter.

Not applicable.

C. If applicable, list up to five of your contributions to legal journals or other legal publications. Provide titles, official citations, and a brief description of the subject matter.

Not applicable.

Include with your application copies of any four of the written materials listed above in Section VI. A., B., and C.

See Appendix 2.

Describe the nature and extent of any *pro bono* legal services you have contributed.

For the last several years I have not submitted mileage claims for any special judge or disciplinary cases I participate in. I have also donated my time, albeit a very small amount, as a Commissioner in a judicial disciplinary case. See Appendix 3. I do not charge for wedding services and serve on multiple judicial commissions and committees.

Teaching, especially the Trial Skills Workshop for ICLEF on a weekend each March for the last 4 years, and participating in panels for educational programs is another way I feel I have contributed to pro bono legal services. A more detailed account of my teaching experiences is in Section VII.A. Because sitting judges are not allowed to practice law or give legal advice, this is about all I can ethically, legally and realistically do.

- C. Identify the five most significant legal matters entrusted to you whether as a judge or lawyer, and describe why you believe them to be so.

As a lawyer, I can easily interpret this request in 2 different ways: 1) as calling for specific examples or 2) as general topics. The following cases are 4 specific examples demonstrating the 5 most important legal matters I have been entrusted with.

State v. Martin Murray, S 81 S 56

This was my first death penalty case. I had been Chief Deputy Prosecutor for 3 months and had just finished a child molesting jury late the night before when my boss called me at home and assigned this case to me. I remember the date because it was April 1, 1981 and I kept expecting him to say "April Fools!" He had taken the case through two (2) Grand Jury sessions, it was scheduled for jury trial beginning April 22nd and I knew nothing about the case. During my preparation, I asked my boss's permission to dismiss the death penalty charge. Mr. Murray was 18 years old, this was his first adult felony case, and his juvenile record involved all non-violent property crimes. My request to dismiss the capital portion of the case was denied. The victim in this case was the father-in-law of the Marion County Clerk and there were political overtones to the case. After Murray was convicted of murder, I was faced with the moral dilemma of having to ask for the death penalty when I did not believe the case warranted such punishment. I resolved the issue by presenting no evidence during the capital phase and allowing defense counsel to put on any evidence he wanted, including evidence which was clearly objectionable. The Jury deadlocked with 8 jurors in favor of the death penalty and 4 against it. Judge James E. Harris did not impose the death penalty. I resolved never to ask for the death penalty again unless I was willing to carry out the sentence myself. At a hearing on the Defendant's Petition For Post Conviction Relief many years later, I had the opportunity to explain to Mr. Murray what had happened. Deciding whether or not to ask for the death penalty is the most significant legal issue I have been faced with thus far.

State v. Larry Bellmore, C 85 S 50

My second capital case involved a grisly death by stabbing. The victim had been strangled and stabbed outside her residence then killed by further stabbing inside her residence. Two defendants were charged: Larry Bellmore and an 18 year old boy/man. During plea negotiations with the young man's counsel, I made the wrong assumption that the young man had been the person who choked Mrs. Denny, which I knew was not the cause of death, and asked counsel for assurance that his client had not stabbed her. Counsel's response was that his client did not inflict the fatal blows. I then offered an 8 year sentence which was immediately accepted by counsel. He then revealed that

the young man had stabbed Mrs. Denny while Larry Bellmore was choking her outside the residence. She had passed out and later was able to make her way into the residence where Bellmore repeatedly stabbed her resulting in her death. I was appalled that I had made such a lenient agreement for the young man but his testimony was crucial to the prosecution and I also felt ethically obligated to continue with the plea agreement. I immediately told the victim's family about the lenient plea and how it came to be. They understood but I have always felt remorse about that plea agreement. Bellmore was convicted and later sentenced to death by Judge Harris after it was discovered at the sentencing hearing that Bellmore had obtained a jailhouse tattoo of a dagger with dripping blood applied to his upper arm while awaiting trial. The death sentence was reversed by the Indiana Supreme Court. This case is significant to me because of the death penalty and also because I made a serious judgment error and faced up to it immediately.

State v. Judy Kirby, 55D03-0004-CF 105

This was the highest media profile case I have ever had and was significant not only because of the media attention, but also the uniqueness and gravamen of the charges. It is a case lawyers would call "complex" and it took an extended amount of time to prepare and try this case. The Defendant was charged with intentionally driving the wrong way at high speed on a 4 lane highway resulting in a horrendous crash killing 6 children and 1 adult and severely injuring another child and herself. Originally it appeared that post-partum depression might be raised as a defense. (This case occurred before the Andrea Yates case where a Texas mother was charged with drowning her 3 children.) My office received calls from all three national television networks as well as Court TV, MSNBC, CNN and others. Chief Justice Shepard had developed a protocol for dealing with high publicity cases which included support from Senior Judges to keep my Court running while I dealt with the **Kirby** case, first access to research and support from the Indiana Judicial Center, and the services of David Remondini in dealing with the media. This case was significant because it provided an opportunity to develop a new and improved relationship between the media and the judiciary, to improve the image of Martinsville and Morgan County, and was originally thought to be a case of first impression in Indiana regarding the possible defense of post-partum depression. I did extensive worldwide research about this possible defense before defense counsel decided to abandon it.

I received the 2001 Athena Award, the Outstanding Business Woman of Morgan County, from the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce for procuring products and services for the jury from local businesses and for trying to improve the image of Martinsville.

In Re: The Marriage of Higginbotham, 55D03-0505-DR 89

This case continues to be active after many years in court and therefore I should not comment much about the case. It is an important case because it involves the worst case of parental alienation ever seen by a well respected psychologist and is the first and only time I ever ordered parental contact to cease for an extended period. Recently, the new legal issue concerning admissibility of evidence from social networking/media, i.e. Facebook and My Space, was raised. The case is also challenging because both parties represent themselves. Custody and parenting time determinations are some of the most important issues any judge will deal with.

C. Provide the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three attorneys who have been your professional adversaries in your practice or who have litigated substantial cases in your court and who would be in positions to comment on your qualifications for appointment to the Indiana Supreme Court.

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Mr. Stephen A. Oliver, Boren, Oliver & Coffey, 59 N. Jefferson Street,
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Mr. James P. Troiani, Lively, Shaver & Troiani, 5330 Madison Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 (317)783-9204

VII. A. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) toward the improvement of the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice.

During my legal career, I have had the opportunity to participate in many teaching and lecture presentations to a wide variety of audiences, civic and professional, concerning various aspects of the law and legal practice. Topics have included the death penalty, improving relations with and dealing with the media, handling extended and high profile court cases, investigating and prosecuting doctors, prescription drug abuse, civility and stress in the profession, personal security issues, court performance measurements, ethics, surviving courthouse disasters, final instructions, trial skills and developing continuity of operations plans.

In Indiana, I have taught legal courses on several occasions for the following organizations: the Indiana Judicial Center, the Indiana Continuing Legal Education Foundation, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council and the Indiana Diversion Investigator's School. I have also made presentations to the Indiana State Police Academy and Indiana State Police Career Camp on one occasion each.

On a national level, I have given single presentations on legal issues to the National Association of Attorneys General and the Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation and multiple legal presentations for the National Association of Women Judges. I have served as a faculty advisor and discussion leader for both the National Judicial College and the National Association of District Attorneys on multiple occasions.

Speaking to civic organizations on legal issues, tasks and topics is something I enjoy and also feel is helpful to the community. I have spoken to every service club in Morgan County on multiple occasions as well as PTO's, PTA's, and church organizations.

One of the most important legal contributions I feel I make is mentoring law students, new judges and new attorneys when they practice in my court. I keep notes on their presentations, hold a discussion with them at the finish of the case and try to be very open and accommodating for questions. Judge James Harris, retired Morgan Circuit Court Judge, mentored me when I was a young attorney and I know I am a much better attorney because of his insight and input.

Serving on several Governor's task forces and Indiana Supreme Court committees and commissions also allows me to contribute to judicial, legal and societal issues. I have served on the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race & Gender Fairness, the Indiana Supreme Court Performance Task Force, the Indiana Mentor Judge Program, the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse, the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health Issues in the Criminal Justice System and as a Character and Fitness interviewer for the Indiana State Board of Law Examiners.

I am a passionate believer in service and education in both the professional and personal aspects of law and life. It is my hope and belief that my mentoring and educational efforts over the last thirty (30) years have, at least in a small way, helped improve the law, legal profession and administration of justice for both the public and the legal profession in Indiana.

B. Describe your efforts, achievements, or contributions (including written work, speeches, or presentations) concerning civic, political, or social issues.

Diversity issues have always been important to me. I was one of 2 women elected Prosecuting Attorneys in Indiana for the first time in 1992. Girls Incorporated honored me because of this achievement and there have been many occasions when I have been asked to speak to young women about careers.

The Color of Justice Program is a signature program sponsored by the National Association of Women Judges to encourage female and minority students to consider careers in law and specifically the judiciary. I have been privileged to help present this program in 2 inner city schools in Chicago, Illinois in 2006 and 2008. I am currently planning 2 Color of Justice presentations for Indianapolis and Kentucky for the fall of 2010 through a Lexis Nexus grant to NAWJ.

I am a charter and current member of the Indiana Supreme Court's Race and Gender Commission which has just celebrated a decade of service. The Commission is tasked with the duty to study the status of, and determine ways to improve, race and gender fairness in the courts, legal system, state and local governments, legal service providers and public organizations. Recommendations of the commission for adoption of policies and procedures go directly to the Supreme Court. Our most successful policy recommendation, which is already well implemented, was the Certified Court Interpreter program. I am particularly interested in serving on this Commission because of my gender and because of the racial bias issue that plagues Morgan County.

In response to an alleged "racial slur" incident at a Martinsville High School basketball game, a large group of concerned citizens formed a local association known as PRIDE, People Respecting Individuality and Diversity In Everyone. The purpose of the organization is to show that Martinsville is, and wants to be, a town that welcomes all and is not the racist, bigoted community it is often portrayed to be. I would never choose to live in a racist, bigoted community. State Representative Ralph Foley and I served as the original co-chairmen. I continue to support the activities of PRIDE including the annual Albert Merrit Dinner in honor of Martinsville's most famous African-American where an outstanding youth volunteer in the community is honored annually. We also sponsor "Fishing With PRIDE," co-sponsored by the Dirty Dozen Club of Indianapolis, which brings inner city kids from Indianapolis and Morgan County youth together for a fishing and educational event at Bradford Woods near Martinsville.

Substance abuse and mental health issues are also social and civic issues I care about and work on. I was privileged to represent Indiana's Prosecuting Attorneys on the Governor's Task Force on Prescription Drug Abuse, commonly referred to as the Triplicate Prescription Task Force, and the Governor's Task Force on Mental Health Issues in the Criminal Justice System. The Triplicate Prescription Task Force studied ways to track and deal with prescription abusers by coordinating the efforts of the medical and pharmaceutical communities and the judicial, prosecutorial and police communities. The Task Force of Mental Health Issues addressed issues of mentally ill persons in the criminal justice system and what better ways there might be to deal with, house and treat such offenders. I also served 1 term on the Board of Directors for the South Central Community Mental Health program in 1992 to 1993.

C. List any memberships and offices you have held in civic or charitable organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

Martinsville Rotary Club (1990 to present)

President (1992-1993)

Vice-President (1991-1992)

Chairman, Community Service (1991-1992)

Chairman, International Service (1993-1994)

Co-Chairman, District 6580 Annual Conference (1995)

Host Committee, International Rotary Convention, Indianapolis (1998)

Paul Harris Fellow, Sustaining Member, Benefactor

Rotary International is the world's first service club, founded by lawyer Paul Harris and organized in Chicago, Illinois in 1905. I am a third generation Rotary member, Past-President and Paul Harris Fellow following in the footsteps of my Father and maternal Grandfather. Rotary brings together business and professional leaders to encourage high ethical standards in their professions, promotes truth, good will, friendships, world peace and service to others at the local, national and international level. My husband and I have also hosted Rotary exchange students from Holland and France.

Habitat For Humanity, Morgan County

Habitat is a nonprofit, ecumenical organization that builds and sells housing for cost to selected individuals who have previously demonstrated the ability to maintain the dwelling and who also donate 500 work hours. I contribute financially every year and have participated in all 3 "Women Builds," houses built exclusively by women volunteers, and on 2 other homes. Working on a "build" is an extremely rewarding and worthwhile experience.

Martinsville PRIDE—See Section VII.B. above

Morgan County Leadership Academy

Founding Co-Chairman (1994-1995)

Martinsville Business Women (2000 to present)

This is an old social club in Martinsville which holds delightful formal luncheons followed by lectures of various types.

Tri-Kappa Sorority (1972 to present, currently inactive)

This is a state wide sorority.

Hoosier Hills Emmaus Community

The Walk to Emmaus in a 72 hour Christian retreat meant to strengthen local churches through a disciple and leadership renewal program. I attended Walk 44B in 2002 and have worked as a volunteer on 6 walks since then acting in a variety of capacities.

Hanover College Alumni Association

Board of Directors (1998-2000)

- D. List any memberships and offices you have held in professional organizations, including dates and descriptions of the purposes of the organizations and of your involvement.

American Bar Association (1979 to present)

Judicial Division Liaison to the ABA Disaster Response Committee
(2010)

The ABA is the world's largest voluntary association and aspires to be the national representative of the American legal community by promoting justice, respect for the law, excellence in the profession and providing educational opportunities. I have been a member almost all of the years I have been an attorney though I believe there were some years while Morgan County Prosecutor when I chose not to renew my membership due to ABA positions adverse to Prosecutors.

Indiana State Bar Association (1979 to present)

Director's Council, Criminal Justice Section (1988)

The ISBA is the state lawyer association which aspires to be, and is, the leading voice for Indiana lawyers and promotes many of the same goals of the ABA. I have been a member almost all of the years since becoming a lawyer.

Morgan County Bar Association (1980 to present)

This is the local bar association and I have been a member since I first arrived in Morgan County. Traditionally our club has not allowed Judges to be Officers and only recently has allowed a Prosecutor to be an Officer.

Indiana Judge's Association (1991 to present)

Board of Directors (1997 to 2000, 2002 to present)

The Indiana Judge's Association (IJA) is a voluntary organization of Indiana judge's that represents judicial interests in the legislature and executive branch and recognizes outstanding Judges for their work in areas promoting the law and work with the media. IJA also provides social functions at educational conferences presented by the Indiana Judicial Center.

Indiana Judicial Conference (1991 to present)

Board of Directors (1994 to 1995, 1998 to 2000)

The Indiana Judicial Conference is the official organization of the Indiana judiciary and all Indiana judges are members. The Chief Justice of the Indiana Supreme Court is the leader of the Conference.

National Association of Women Judges (1999 to present)

Board of Directors, District 8 (Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky) (2005)

to 2007, 2009 to present)

Co-Chairman, 2008 Chicago NAWJ Mid-Year Leadership Conference;

Co-Chairman, Rural Court Committee (2008)

Chairman, Hospitality Committee, 2005 NAWJ National Convention Committee

Site Selection Committee

National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) was formed in 1979 with the mission of providing “strong, committed judicial leadership to ensure fairness and gender equality in American courts.” All judges, retired judges, magistrates, commissioners, lawyers, law students, administrative and military judges of both genders are welcome to be members of NAWJ.

Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council (1983 to 1990)

Secretary (1989 to 1990)

Board of Directors (1984 to 1990)

The Secretary position is the entry level officer position and then you move up the chairs. I became a Judge beginning 1/1/91 so I didn’t have a chance to do so.

Indiana State Board of Law Examiners

Character and Fitness Committee (1991 to present)

This Board is responsible for the admission of attorneys in Indiana. It is responsible for the bar exams and character and fitness interviews used to determine who is allowed to practice law and also certifies law students as legal interns when certain requirements are met prior to graduation.

Association of Government Attorneys in Capital Litigation (1985 to 1990)

Board of Directors (1987 to 1989)

The AGACL is a non-profit organization of and for government attorneys who deal with death penalty cases. It sponsors educational conferences dealing with a variety of issues common to all death penalty litigation.

National College of District Attorneys

Curriculum Committee (1986-1987)

Formed in 1950, the NCDA strives to be the “voice of America’s Prosecutors.” It offers a variety of excellent educational programs for practicing prosecutors and law enforcement officers and works with state and national law enforcement agencies and legislative bodies concerning criminal law.

The Sagamore American Inn of Court

Bencher (2009 to present)

An Inn of Court is a group made up of experienced lawyers, judges, newer lawyers, law professors and students who meet almost monthly to “break bread together” and present educational programs emphasizing ethics, professionalism, civility and skill building. A mixture of each category of members is assigned together as a “table team” on an annual basis which allows comradery and mentoring.

American Judicature Society

AJS is a nonpartisan organization of judges, lawyers and citizens interested in maintaining the integrity and independence of the American court system through educational programs and publications for the legal community and the public. The Indiana Supreme Court has sponsored each Indiana judge as a member of the AJS.

American Judges Association

Formed in 1959, the AJA has many similarities in its’ mission as the AJS but with membership primarily for judges.

E. List any memberships you hold in social clubs or organizations. If any restrict its membership on the basis of race, sex, religion, or national origin, please describe your efforts within the organization to eliminate restrictions.

Tri Kappa Sorority (Inactive)

Phi Mu Sorority

Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity

General Staff of the Legion of Hoosier Heroines, Indiana National Guard

Columbia Club (former member)

Martinsville Women’s Club

The Women’s Club, Tri Kappa and Phi Mu are open only to women. Since these organizations are essentially sororities, which are traditionally gender-based, I have not seen the need for nor taken steps to eliminate restrictions.

F. Indicate your experience teaching law, and provide the dates, names of institutions or programs, and a description of the subject matter taught.

Please see Section VII.A.

G. Describe your hobbies and other leisure activities.

Ballroom Dancing—My husband and I began dancing lessons 4 years ago. I am now totally and completely addicted to it and even compete on a local level. I

do not know what this says about my life but it is THE most fun thing I have ever done!

Gardening—I like to putter in my yard and attempt to grow hybrid tea roses, some years more successfully than others.

Reading—I have a lifelong love of reading. Unfortunately, the only real time I get to read for pleasure is on vacation and five minutes before I fall asleep at night. I enjoy reading everything from current periodicals to serious literature to murder mystery novels.

Traveling—A visiting professor at Manchester College, who had lived through the occupation of Germany following World War II as a child, once told my father there were only 2 things that could never be taken from you: your education and your travel experiences. My father had always been a believer in education but after Dr. Mueller's comment, my family traveled extensively in the United States, Mexico, Canada and Europe. I was fortunate to be an exchange student to the Netherlands between my Junior and Senior years in High School with the Youth For Understanding program. I still have contact with my Dutch family and we have seen each other several times through the years. In college, I also had the opportunity to study in France and Switzerland. Luckily my husband is a pilot for American Airlines and I get to travel extensively. My "bucket list" includes visiting all the continents.

Cooking/Entertaining—My mother's family owned a hotel in North Manchester, Indiana for over 100 years. I spent many hours there as a child and young adult playing, learning and working. In many ways, I literally grew up in a kitchen. I still enjoy putting on parties and have done Hospitality Rooms for the National Guard Association of America, the National Guard Association of Indiana, the Adjutants General Association of the United States, the Indiana Prosecuting Attorney's Council, the Indiana Judge's Association, the Indiana Supreme Court Commission on Race and Gender Fairness, the National Association of Women Judges and the Conference of Chief Justices and Conference of State Court Administrators. If you needed a dinner for 100 people, I could actually do it.

- VIII. A. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references other than those listed in Section VI. G.

Mr. John Boren, Boren, Oliver & Coffey, 59 N. Jefferson Street,
Martinsville, Indiana 46151 (765)342-0147

Mr. Robert Cline, Chief Deputy, Morgan County Prosecutor's Office, P.O.
Box 1556, Martinsville, Indiana 46151 (765)342-1050

Mr. George Lohmeier, Allen, Wellman & McNew, 5 Courthouse Plaza, P.O.
Box 455, Greenfield, Indiana 46140-0455 (317)462-3455

- B. Provide names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three personal references other than those listed in VI. G.

Honorable Richard Bray, Bray, Bray & Bray, 210 E. Morgan Street, Martinsville, Indiana 46151 (765)342-6814

Honorable Ralph Foley, Foley, Foley & Peden, 60 E. Morgan Street, Martinsville, Indiana 46151 (765)342-8474

Dr. Robert Foster, 1918 Parfet Estates Drive, Golden, Colorado 80401 (303)277-1009

C. List any lawsuits or legal proceedings in any jurisdiction, including bankruptcies and dissolutions, to which you have been a party. Provide dates, case numbers, names of other parties, and, if needed, a brief explanation.

In Re: The Marriage of Jane Spencer Craney and Glen C. Craney, Marion County, Indiana, Superior Court, Civil Division, S 28-0844 (1980-1981)--Dissolution case

In Re: The Matter of Petition For Appointment Of Special Prosecutor, Morgan Circuit Court, 55C01-9011-MI 643—The Morgan County Democratic Party Chairman filed a request for appointment of a Special Prosecutor to investigate whether the Morgan County Republican Chairman, Robert Watkins, and I had committed an election law violation. Special Judge Sally Gray, Putnam County Court, later Putnam Superior Court, found 1) no probable cause to believe a crime had been committed and 2) no potential or actual conflict of interest necessitating the appointment of a Special Prosecutor. The case was dismissed.

C. If you ever have been arrested or cited for any violation of the law other than for routine traffic violations, provide dates, jurisdictions, and an explanation of the event and its resolution.

I have never been arrested or cited for anything other than a speeding ticket in 1978.

E. If you are or have been a member of the Bar of any other state, identify the jurisdiction and provide dates.

Not applicable.

F. If you have been disciplined or cautioned, formally or informally, by the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, by the Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications, by the Indiana Supreme Court, or by similar entities in any other jurisdiction, identify each instance by date, case number if applicable, and describe the circumstances and the nature of the outcome or resolution.

I have never been formally or informally disciplined or cautioned as a Judge or as an attorney.

D. If you have any outstanding federal, state, or local tax obligations, please itemize and explain.

Not applicable.

IX. A. Attach a recent statement from your physician describing your general physical condition.

B. Within the past three years, have you been diagnosed or treated for an emotional or mental condition or illness, including any condition that involves treatment for drug or alcohol use? If so, provide the dates of assessment and/or treatment and the names and addresses of your doctors or other treatment providers.

C. Are you able to perform the essential functions of Justice on the Indiana Supreme Court, with or without accommodation?

Absolutely and without accommodation.

June 25, 2010
DATE

Jane Spencer Craney
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

Jane Spencer Craney
PRINTED NAME

WAIVER AND STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned applicant authorizes the release to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its staff or agents any records, reports, and documents, whether or not otherwise confidential, which may be requested by the Commission in the performance of its evaluations of candidates pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2. The scope of this authorization extends to, but is not necessarily limited to, requests from the Commission for Federal, State or local tax records, criminal and driving histories from any jurisdiction, attorney and judicial disciplinary records from any jurisdiction, whether pending or closed, and credit reports and histories. The undersigned releases and discharges the Judicial Nominating Commission, its individual members, its employees, agents and representatives, the Indiana State Police, the Indiana Department of Revenue, the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission and any other agency or person or their agents or representatives providing information to the Commission from any and all liability arising from the furnishing and use of information concerning the undersigned applicant.

The undersigned agrees and understands that the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission or its members, agents, or employees, may interview or otherwise consult with members of the legal, judicial, and general community concerning the professional qualifications and the integrity of the applicant, that the name of the applicant will be released by the Commission upon its receipt of the application and this waiver, and that if, pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(d), the applicant is given further consideration as a candidate after the Commission's initial screening of candidates, or if no such screening occurs and all applicants are considered, the application will be made public. This waiver does not constitute an election by the applicant pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g) (3) (C) to authorize the release of investigatory records which are excepted from public inspection pursuant to I.C. § 33-27-3-2(g) (1) and (2).

The undersigned agrees to immediately supplement this application upon any event or circumstance substantially affecting any answer provided in the application.

The undersigned acknowledges having read the Instructions attached to the application.

The undersigned agrees to resign from office or membership in any political organization upon submission of this application.

The undersigned affirms that, if nominated by the Judicial Nominating Commission to the Governor and thereafter appointed to this judicial office, the candidate will accept the appointment.

July 25, 2010
DATE

Jane Spencer Craney
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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PRINTED NAME